

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 973

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carol Gardner Transou of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Carol Gardner Transou, an exemplary teacher and leader who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville in 1936, Mrs. Transou was the daughter of Howard W. and Alleen Phelps Gardner; she grew up in Brentwood and attended Nashville public schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Transou graduated magna cum laude from Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri; she pursued graduate studies at Vanderbilt University as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, and she also studied at American University, Converse College, and East Tennessee State University (ETSU); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Transou enjoyed a twenty-five-year teaching career at Johnson City's Science Hill High School; in 1987, she was named Tennessee Teacher of the Year, and, in 1990, she received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for study of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, she also served as a member of the Board of the East Tennessee Foundation serving three dozen counties. After thorough study, she proposed a Women's Fund of East Tennessee; following board approval, strong women sprang forth to become founders; and

WHEREAS, Carol Transou was active in Doris Buffet's Sunshine Lady Foundation, identifying for support such work as the River Ministry for Women, Project Smile for orthodontic care for needy children given by generous dentists and orthodontists, and the Red Legacy Recovery Program for women; she also supported the International Storytelling Center and Festival, where, for several years, she served as gift shop coordinator and festival volunteer organizer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Transou was a member of Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, the Philosophers Class, the Monday Evening Book Circle, and the Commission on Church and Society; for several years, she served in the Holston Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and she was active in the ETSU Wesley Foundation Ministry, where she served as director of and playwright for the drama program; and

WHEREAS, Carol Transou related positively to people from all walks of life; she corresponded with friends in Europe and Asia, and at the American Church in Paris, she was the obvious choice to introduce the city to the varied delegates of the Association of International Churches in Europe and the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, she was also recruited by school officials to go to the Deep South for racial justice and reconciliation; she was an enthusiastic member of the Nashville Women's Cotillion Club, the Fortnightly Book Club, and the Mountain View Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Reverend Bedford T. Transou, Jr., she is survived by her sisters, Jane Jones and Mary Emily Logan; her nieces, Jeanette Pursley, Jean Orr, and Linda DePriest; and her nephews, Larry Brown, W. Steve Logan, and C. Donald Logan; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Carl P. Gardner; her sisters, Emma Everett, Lorene Orr, and Ann Brown; and her nephew, H. Michael Jones; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Transou leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Carol Gardner Transou, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Transou.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.